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SJWA/Cook County Activities for January 2008

Six Month Report— Draft and send six month report to County, outlining activities undertaken by SJWA on behalf of County

Economic Stimulus package— Update County on status of package; discussions with New York City Washington office regarding joint strategy, conference calls with NACo on NACo position; send NACo letter on stimulus to County; send National Governors Association Paper on stimulus to County; send American Association of School Administrators letter to County; inform County on passage of stimulus in House; update County on status of Sen. Bingaman and Senator Rockefeller amendments; send NGA letter to County

Federal Medicaid Budget/Intergovernmental Transfer/CMS Medicaid Rules Limiting Payments to Public Hospitals and Graduate Medical Education Payments (GME) —Discussions with Delegation on impact of CMS proposed rule and possible extension of moratorium on proposed rule, as part of Child Health Insurance legislation; Continue discussions with County on impact of rule; discussions with Delegation offices and key committee staff regarding possibility of extending moratorium this year; send County Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP reauthorization act; send Medicaid directors chart of regulations to County; send talking points on rules to County; conference call with David Small and Randy Mark to discuss Medicaid issues, how to involve the Bureau and County in overall advocacy, the history of the Los Angeles County Medicaid waiver, history of BIPA and Medicaid rules and impact on County, roles of various Delegation members in Cook County issues; take part in National Association of Public Hospitals call on proposed rules

H.R. 3533 (The Public Health and Preservation Act)— Keep County updated on status of bill; keep County updated on status of sponsors;

NACo County Hospital Task Force— Send task force questionnaire to County; discussions with County on questionnaire

Reauthorization of State Child Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)— Monitor and update County on status of reauthorization; send County Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP reauthorization act; send Finance Committee press release opposing HHS rules to County

Public Health/Center for Disease Control (CDC)— Monitor program for continued congressional/federal action; HHS grant and budgeting issues

Section 1011/Emergency Hospital Care Reimbursement for Undocumented Individuals— Monitor program for continued congressional federal action in follow up to congressional efforts to cut program as part of 2007 supplemental appropriations legislation

Hospital Assessment Ordinance— Discussions with County and Ted Giovanis on ordinance; Draft memo and send recommendations to County

Blue Ribbon Report— Discussions with Senator Durbin's office on issue; send Blue Ribbon report to staff of Senators Durbin and Obama; continue to answer questions from Durbin's office regarding status of governance task force

Tax Exempt Hospitals— Follow all NACo and congressional and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) developments on issue including IRS survey on tax-exempt hospitals and community benefit

Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds—Continue to monitor energy legislation and status of credit bonds; inform County on passage of bill

Community Development, Housing, Hope VI and other Related Programs— Continue to monitor Congress for changes to Community Development Block Grant appropriations; discussions with County regarding efforts to review local housing and community development issues and need for information affecting federal funding for programs; update County on status of HR 2895 and the National Housing Trust Fund; inform County on passage of HOPE VI reauthorization in House; keep County updated on status of Senate reauthorization

Homeland Security— Continue to track and send County information regarding Department of Homeland Security activities affecting Urban Security Initiative awards including appropriations and upcoming FY 2008 budget proposals; keep County updated on status of Tancredo amendment to Homeland Security appropriations; update County on status of Senate Homeland Security Appropriations; keep County updated on status of House-Senate conference

Brownfields— Keep County updated on status of H.R. 644 (Brownfields Redevelopment Enhancement Act)

President's Retirement and Savings Proposals— Continue to monitor President's proposals affecting state and local defined contribution and benefit plans and mandatory Social Security participation; ongoing communication with the Department of Treasury regarding development of regulations affecting local government defined contribution plans, based on the passage of pension legislation in 2006; monitor increased congressional interest in state and local government defined contribution administrative fees and upcoming congressional hearings on defined contribution administrative fees/disclosure; continue to follow issues related to funding of state and local government defined benefit plans

Recurring Activities

- Review Congressional Monitor for upcoming hearings on activities and issues of interest to County
- Review Bureau of National Affairs Health Policy publication for developments and/or actions on federal health matters of concern and interest to County
- Monitor Bureau of National Affairs Tax and Benefit Policy Report for federal financial, tax and retirement related proposals that could impact County
- Review HHS press releases and other relevant sources and keep County informed
- Ongoing discussions and contact with congressional delegation, leadership and executive branch officials on matters affecting County
- Review Federal Register, Departmental websites and grant listserv for issues of interest to County

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SJWA/Cook County Activities for February 2008

NACo Legislative Conference— Discussions with Senator Durbin's office on Illinois County officials reception; send list of County officials to Senator Durbin's staff

FY 2009 Budget— Attend HHS budget briefing; review and send budget to County; draft budget summary for programs impacting County and send to County; send Senate Labor-HHS budget summary to County; keep County updated on homeland security, SCAAP and housing provisions in budget

Economic Stimulus package— Update County on status of package; inform County on passage of package

Federal Medicaid Budget/Intergovernmental Transfer/CMS Medicaid Rules Limiting Payments to Public Hospitals and Graduate Medical Education Payments (GME) —Discussions with Delegation on impact of CMS proposed rule and possible extension of moratorium on proposed rule, as part of Child Health Insurance legislation; Continue discussions with County on impact of rule; discussions with Delegation offices and key committee staff regarding possibility of extending moratorium this year; regular conference calls with David Small and Randy Mark to discuss Medicaid issues, roles of various Delegation members in Cook County issues; discussions with County and HMA on IGT rules in stimulus package; take part in National Association of Public Hospitals call titled "Trouble Ahead: State Budget Shortfalls on the Impact on Healthcare"; take part in NACo Health Steering Committee call; send Congressional Research Service report on 2009 President's Medicaid/Medicare proposals to County; discussions with New Mexico Association of Counties on Medicaid rules; draft delegation letter on Medicaid rules; discussions with offices of Representatives Schakowsky and Davis on taking lead; discussions with Richard Boykin on talking to possible Republican cosponsors; Los Angeles County NACo resolution opposing Medicaid rules to County; attend IGT/GME stakeholders meeting; send Congressional Black Caucus letter to Senator Durbin's staff; send Durbin amendment extending Medicaid rule moratorium to County; draft thank you letters to Senator Durbin from President Stroger and Bureau of Health Services on moratorium extension amendment; hand deliver Bureau letter; send Senator Durbin's staff LA County letter on Emergency Rooms; send national groups letter on pending regulations to County; send information and text of regulation on state flexibility and cost sharing Medicaid regulations to County; attend House Energy & Commerce Committee briefing on State Fiscal Relief and Medicaid Regulations; review, comment on memorandum for Commissioner Daley; discussions with Rep. Danny Davis' staff on testimony opposing regulations to Budget Committee; draft summary for Davis

for Budget Committee testimony—outlining the Bureau of Health Services, pending County budget cuts and major aspects of Medicaid rules and their impact on the County's health services; discussions with Bureau of Health Services on testimony; send testimony to County; send Congressional Black Caucus letter to Rep. Davis' staff; send National Governors Association letter to County; send Finance Committee Hearing on Economic and Fiscal Conditions of the States to County

H.R. 3533 (The Public Health and Preservation Act)— Keep County updated on status of bill; keep County updated on status of sponsors;

NACo County Hospital Task Force— Send task force questionnaire to County; discussions with County on questionnaire

Reauthorization of State Child Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)— Monitor and update County on status of reauthorization; review and send Energy & Commerce hearing "Covering Uninsured Kids: Missed Opportunities Moving Forward" summary to County

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Mammography Appropriation Earmark— Discussions with County on issue and whether to pursue this year

Blue Ribbon Report— Discussions with Senator Durbin's office on issue; continue to answer questions from Durbin's office regarding status of governance task force

Progress Report— Send Bureau of Health Services progress report to delegation; review and contact delegation offices and send progress report to each Office

Tax Exempt Hospitals— Follow all NACo and congressional and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) developments on issue including IRS survey on tax-exempt hospitals and community benefit

Stroger Hospital—Inform delegation on hospital receiving full accreditation

Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds—Continue to monitor energy legislation and status of credit bonds; inform County on passage of bill

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Homeland Security— Continue to track and send County information regarding Department of Homeland Security activities affecting Urban Security Initiative awards including appropriations and upcoming FY 2008 budget proposals; keep County updated on status of Tancredo amendment to Homeland Security appropriations; update County on status of Senate Homeland Security Appropriations; keep County updated on status of House-Senate conference

Brownfields— Keep County updated on status of H.R. 644 (Brownfields Redevelopment Enhancement Act); attend Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure hearing titled “Revitalization of the EPA Brownfields Program; send hearing summary to County

Forest Preserve— Discussions with Department of Intergovernmental affairs on agreement with DuPage County: Review, comment on letter to County; agree to pursue discussions at federal level to determine status

President's Retirement and Savings Proposals— Continue to monitor President's proposals affecting state and local defined contribution and benefit plans and mandatory Social Security participation; ongoing communication with the Department of Treasury regarding development of regulations affecting local government defined contribution plans, based on the passage of pension legislation in 2006; monitor increased congressional interest in state and local government defined contribution administrative fees and upcoming congressional hearings on defined contribution administrative fees/disclosure; continue to follow issues related to funding of state and local government defined benefit plans

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FY 2009 Budget—Keep County updated on homeland security, SCAAP and housing provisions in budget

County Calls— Set up and participate on calls with Senator Durbin's staff and Presidents office, Bureau, to update Senator's office on budget, governance, interaction with State on Medicaid matters; ask for Durbin's assistance when and if necessary; follow up and ongoing discussions with Durbin's office on these matters

CMS Medicaid Rules Limiting Payments to Public Hospitals and Graduate Medical Education Payments (GME)/Federal Medicaid Budget —Discussions with Delegation on impact of CMS proposed rule; continue discussions with County on impact of rule; discussions with Delegation offices and key committee staff regarding possibility of extending moratorium this year; regular conference calls with David Small and Randy Mark to discuss Medicaid issues, roles of various Delegation members in Cook County issues; draft delegation letter on Medicaid rules; discussions with offices of Representatives Schakowsky and Davis on taking lead; keep County updated on status of letter; discussions with Richard Boykin on talking to possible Republican cosponsors; discussions with Rep. Davis' and Shimkus' Chiefs of Staff on status of letter; send House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform report on Medicaid rules to County; inform County on Illinois estimates in report; send report to Senator Durbin's staff with Illinois references highlighted; attend meeting on Medicaid regulations with Senator Rockefeller's (D-WV) staff; meeting with Illinois Hospital Association and Rep. Emanuel on pending regulations; send NAPH lawsuit opposing the pending Medicaid

regulations press release to County; send lawsuit materials to delegation staff; send Chairman Dingell (D-MI) bill and press release to County; attend Center for Budget and Policy Priorities briefing on Medicaid regulations; attend NACo legislative briefing; discussions with NACo on H.R. 5613, Protecting the Safety Net Act of 2008; send CRS report on Medicaid rule to County

H.R. 3533 (The Public Health and Preservation Act)— Keep County updated on status of bill; keep County updated on status of sponsors;

George Washington University Health Seminar— Send seminar materials to County; discussions with relevant seminar staff about County participation in seminar; send materials to NAPH

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Blue Ribbon Report— Discussions with Senator Durbin's office on issue; continue to answer questions from Durbin's office regarding status of governance task force; review and send ordinance creating separate board to delegation staff

Tax Exempt Hospitals— Follow all NACo and congressional and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) developments on issue including IRS survey on tax-exempt hospitals and community benefit

Emergency Room Survey— Send House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform survey to County

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Forest Preserve— Discussions with Department of Intergovernmental affairs on conversion of property (dam) agreement with DuPage County; contact and discuss issue with Committee on Appropriations Interior Subcommittee; send County letter to Committee staff; Committee staff communicated with Department of Interior regarding issue and status; resolve with Committee staff how process works and that decision must be made by state and pass information onto County

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